

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been amended as shown in the enclosed Replacement Abstract for better conformance to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference numerals and changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--. Further, claim 6 was written in independent form. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this Application.

Review of the Office Action as well as PAIR revealed the following mix-up. As indicated in the Transmittal Letter posted in PAIR, the corresponding International Application No. is PCT/IB02/05633. This very same International Application No. also appears in the filed Declaration as seen in PAIR under 'Oath or Declaration filed.' It appears that instead of inclusion in the


present File Wrapper of the correct International Application No. is PCT/IB02/035633, an incorrect PCT application is included, namely, PCT/IB02/03633. This error is not due to any action of the Applicant, since the correct corresponding International Application Number is included in the filed Transmittal Letter and Declaration as can be seen from PAIR.

A courtesy copy of the correct International Application No. is PCT/IB02/035633 (WO 03/058674 A1) is enclosed herein.

Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, Applicant reserves the right to respond to those rejections and arguments and to advance additional arguments at a later date. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular no official notices are conceded.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in proper form for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Replacement Abstract
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